

## House Resolution 1944

By: Representatives Taylor of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Morgan of the 39<sup>th</sup>, Epps of the 128<sup>th</sup>, Bruce of the 64<sup>th</sup>, and Abrams of the 84<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Stephen Stafford II and inviting him to be recognized by the House of  
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Stephen Stafford II has shown by the example of his academic  
4 accomplishments that the pursuit and attainment of scholastic success are within the reach  
5 of the students in this state; and

6 WHEREAS, a 13-year-old math prodigy, Stephen began taking courses at Morehouse  
7 College when he was 11; and

8 WHEREAS, Stephen is the son of proud parents Michelle and Steve Stafford, who both grew  
9 up in Chrysler families in Detroit and have instilled in their son a strong work ethic and  
10 desire to achieve; and

11 WHEREAS, the Staffords moved to Georgia in 2000 and decided to home school Stephen  
12 and his older sister Marti; and

13 WHEREAS, by the age of nine, Stephen was breezing through tenth grade level algebra and,  
14 after his mother could no longer keep up with his progress in math, his grandfather suggested  
15 he attend classes at one of Atlanta's prestigious historically black colleges; and

16 WHEREAS, by the time Stephen was 11, he had joined the student body of Morehouse  
17 College, falling in with the ranks of young alumni such as Martin Luther King, Jr., who  
18 entered Morehouse when he was 15, and Maynard Jackson, who was a 14-year-old freshman  
19 at the school; and

20 WHEREAS, Stephen was admitted to the college as a special student, and although he will  
21 not be eligible for actual admission to Morehouse until he is 14 or 15, he has already stated  
22 his intentions to triple major in biology, math, and computer science; and

23 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia looks with great anticipation toward the future of this  
24 bright and promising young citizen.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body commend Stephen Stafford II for his incredible academic abilities  
27 and achievements and invite him to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date  
28 and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Stephen Stafford II.